

# S.C. Senate Pushes To Take Down Flag

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — State lawmakers have taken a key step toward removing the Confederate flag from the Statehouse dome, but the NAACP says the move won't end a racially tinged controversy that led to a punishing tourism boycott and new scrutiny of Southern heritage.

The state Senate approved a compromise bill on Wednesday, exactly 139 years after the Civil War began when Confederate troops fired on Fort Sumter, the federal installation in Charleston harbor.

The vote was 36-7. All opponents were Republicans.

"This is one more hurdle that has been overcome," said Democratic Gov. Jim Hodges, who supports flag removal.

The bill would remove the banner from the dome and place a similar battle flag behind an existing monument honoring Confederate soldiers in front of the Statehouse.

The flag would fly from a pole no taller than 20 feet — shorter than the monument in front of it — an element added to satisfy black lawmakers and others who did not want the flag in a prominent position to passersby. Six black lawmakers were among those voting for it.

The South Carolina NAACP today issued a statement rejecting the plan and stating that its tourism boycott would continue.

The location still represents a position of sovereignty, and it is still too visible, state NAACP President James Gallman said. The organization's executive committee voted unanimously against the proposal, he said.

The Senate plan "adds insult to injury," said Nelson Rivers, field operations director for the national organization and a former official in the South Carolina conference. NAACP President Kweisi Mfume said the national organization backs the state conference's decision.

The bill also would remove Confederate flags hanging in the House and Senate chambers, and protect monuments, memorials and buildings erected or named in honor of the Confederacy or civil rights movement.

A final vote was expected in the Democrat-controlled Senate today. The bill still needs approval by the Republican-controlled House, which has twice refused to pass such a measure in the past six years.

"We have fought this thing and we have fought this thing, and the olive branch is now out on both sides," said Republican Sen. Glenn McConnell.

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about technology in democracy," he said.

"Our society is turning to its private pursuits in lieu of its public responsibilities."

Ross was emphatic in stressing that political integrity was not a trait that fell along party lines.

"There are some Republicans that I disagree with on 75 percent of the issues, that have more integrity in their little finger than some Democrats that I agree with on 100 percent of the issues," she

said.

"You may end up trusting and liking people more who consistently disagree with you."

Richardson said integrity in politics became especially important when considering how many different agendas were on the table.

"Can you really talk about integrity when you are balancing contributors, party, constituents and your own interests?" he said.

Turlington said Bradley's unsuccessful run had a great impact on him but said part of having political integrity came from learning from losses.

"Voters are looking for a candidate

who can take some blows and come back," Turlington said.

"When people say, 'You lost, aren't you disappointed?' I just think about

what we achieved." *The University Editor can be reached at udesk@unc.edu.*

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submitted by students and faculty who felt there was a deserving teacher.

Kitchen said the ceremony was another successful event recognizing deserving members of the community.

"I'm inspired by all the outstanding achievements," she said. "It encourages us all to strive for excellence."

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Video store before entering law school at UNC-Chapel Hill.

After graduating, Dorosin partnered with attorney Al McSurely. The pair's biggest case was defending the rights of UNC housekeepers.

"It was rewarding but draining on me emotionally, physically and spiritually. It's very hard to do civil rights law in North Carolina. The laws and judges are very much in favor of the bosses," he said.

After making the decision to leave McSurely's practice, Dorosin put his energies into opening and managing Hell. The bar opened in 1997; Dorosin found help with beer licensing and learned the rest by trial and error.

"People used to ask us if we had done a bar before. And because of my lifelong 'extensive personal research' at bars all over, I felt confident enough to run one."

With Hell well-established, Dorosin won a seat on the Board of Aldermen in 1999. He said his primary focus in the position was working toward protecting Carrboro's diversity.

Dorosin's latest "scheme" found him co-writing and acting in "Hamlet II." He said the sequel was definitely not typical Shakespearean fare.

"Stylistically, the play's a takeoff on TV crime dramas like 'NYPD Blue' and '60s shows (like 'Dragnet')," said Dorosin. "It has a kind of Marx Brothers approach to the dialogue with a lot of jokes at the Bard's expense."

The impetus fueling the play came from the Dorosins' visit to the theater with friend David Lagos, the play's co-writer. Dorosin said the absurdity of Shakespeare's dramas inspired him to write a play that poked fun at senior English classes everywhere.

"We were at a play and talking during intermission," he said. "After four hours of eloquent dialogue, all the violence and killing occurs in the last 15 minutes of the play. I was thinking how it adds such an absurd quality to the play."

After his conversation with Lagos, Dorosin found himself at his keyboard, churning out his play's first scene. Although he dabbled in acting and writing during his undergraduate studies at Duke, Dorosin said he enjoyed the challenge of writing his first script with Lagos.

Dorosin laughed at his nervousness about his first play and the latest of his mad ideas.

"I learned at some point that if you're a reasonably intelligent person, if there's something you want to do, you can find a way to do it."

"Hamlet II: The Investigation" runs April 14, 15, 21 and 22 at the Carrboro ArtsCenter. For more information, call 929-2787.

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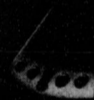
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